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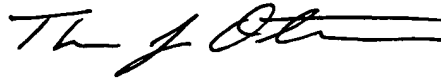
Sir:

This communication responds to the Examiner's statement of the reasons for allowance of the claims, contained within the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed August 18, 2004.

Applicants wish to comment on the Examiner's statements regarding the reasons for allowance of claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-38, and 43-60 by pointing out that the reasons set forth by the Examiner refer only to certain features of the claims and are not the only reasons that claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-38, and 43-60 are allowable. The claims may include additional patentable features or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner or taught or suggested by the prior art.

As such, claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-38, and 43-60 may be patentable for reasons not mentioned by the Examiner as well as for those reasons mentioned by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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